



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer  
Chief Information Officer

At its meeting held November 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The County of Los Angeles covers nearly 4,100 square miles, and the Board represents over 10 million residents in 88 cities and 134 unincorporated communities.

“To ensure that all citizens have access to their elected representatives, the Board of Supervisors should conduct a Board Meeting each month in a different Supervisorial District. County residents unable to travel downtown on Tuesdays to participate in Board meetings must be afforded the opportunity to have input in the decisions the Board makes on a regular basis, decisions directly impacting the quality of their lives.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Executive Officer of the Board be directed to schedule all Board Meetings falling on the fourth Tuesday of the month to be conducted in a different Supervisorial District, beginning with the Fifth District.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Ensuring adequate public access to meetings conducted by the Board of Supervisors is a longstanding tradition in the County of Los Angeles. This Board owes all County residents a duty of accessibility which will allow the public to comment on important matters of public policy. Today, this duty is fulfilled every Tuesday when the Board meets at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. The Hall is centrally located near several major freeways and it is widely accessible by means of public transportation. As evidenced by weekly testimony from the public, County residents are already on notice that meetings are held at the same location every Tuesday morning.

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“In order to ensure that public access to Board meetings continues to be maximized without any added expense to the taxpayers, this Board must carefully evaluate the current proposal which would require that one monthly meeting be rotated throughout the various locations in the County.”

After discussion, Supervisor Burke made a substitute motion, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, that the Executive Officer of the Board be instructed to conduct a feasibility study and cost analysis of the current proposal for monthly rotating meetings including but not limited to the following items:

1. Securing an adequate site in each Supervisorial District which would accommodate the current space needs for Board meetings and would comply with all requirements established by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
2. Procuring and transporting essential equipment, e.g. translation devices (headsets), computers, copy and fax machines, sound equipment, cameras for television and internet public access, etc.;
3. Transporting Board and departmental personnel to the proposed rotating sites;
4. Publicizing the new rotating locations to minimize any public confusion;
5. Providing adequate security personnel and equipment, and any other factors which the Board should be apprised of before changing to new meeting locations; and
6. Submit its findings to the Board within 90 days.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisor Burke's motion be amended to also consider the possibility of conducting Board meetings in a town hall meeting setting once per year in each Supervisorial District. Supervisor Burke accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

In addition, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that Supervisor Burke's motion be amended to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to suggest alternative ideas instead of the once a month Board meetings, such as a smaller number of meetings targeted to issues that may be important to a particular community. Supervisor Burke accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

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Further, Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Burke's motion be amended to consider evening Board meetings and to include the Chief Information Officer's involvement in the feasibility study to evaluate the technical needs for conducting the Board meetings in various locations throughout the County. Supervisor Burke accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Supervisor Burke's substitute motion, as amended, was unanimously carried.

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